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DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

I, Charles Siebenga, declare: that I am a citizen of the United States of America; that my residence and post office address is 6970 Stagecoach Trail Road, Manhattan, MT 59741; that I verily believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled "HAY BALE STACKER," for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification attached hereto; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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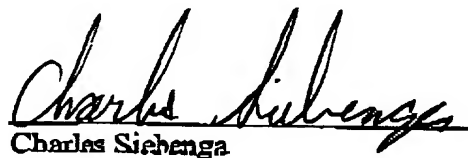
with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. All correspondence and telephonic communications should be directed to:

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Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

Signed at Belgrade, Montana this 4 day of January, 2002.


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DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
FOR AN INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

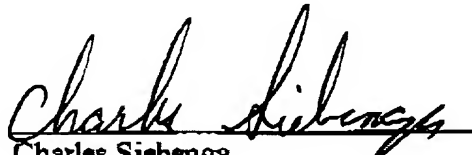
I, Charles Siebenga, hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor, as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(c), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, with regard to the invention entitled HAY BALE STACKER.

I further declare that I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any right, title, or interest in the above-identified invention to any person, firm, or organization.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in the above-mentioned application or any patent issued in respect thereof, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of (1) the issue fee or (2) any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title

18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

Signed at Belgrade, Montana this 4 day of January, 2002.


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